Air Traffic Control Seminar

Oceanic ATC Operations

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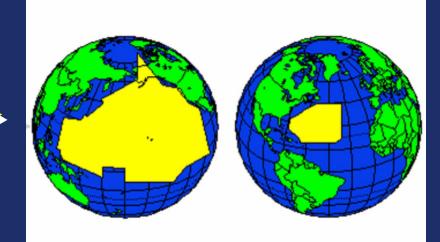
International Airspace

- International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
 - United Nations organization
 - Determines who will provide ATC services
 - Delegates Oceanic Airspace (Flight Information Regions – FIRs)
 - North Atlantic Region
 - Caribbean Region
 - Pacific Region
 - North American Region
 - English is the universal aviation language

The Oceanic Environment

Unique Airspace with Complex Separation Standards and Coordination Rules

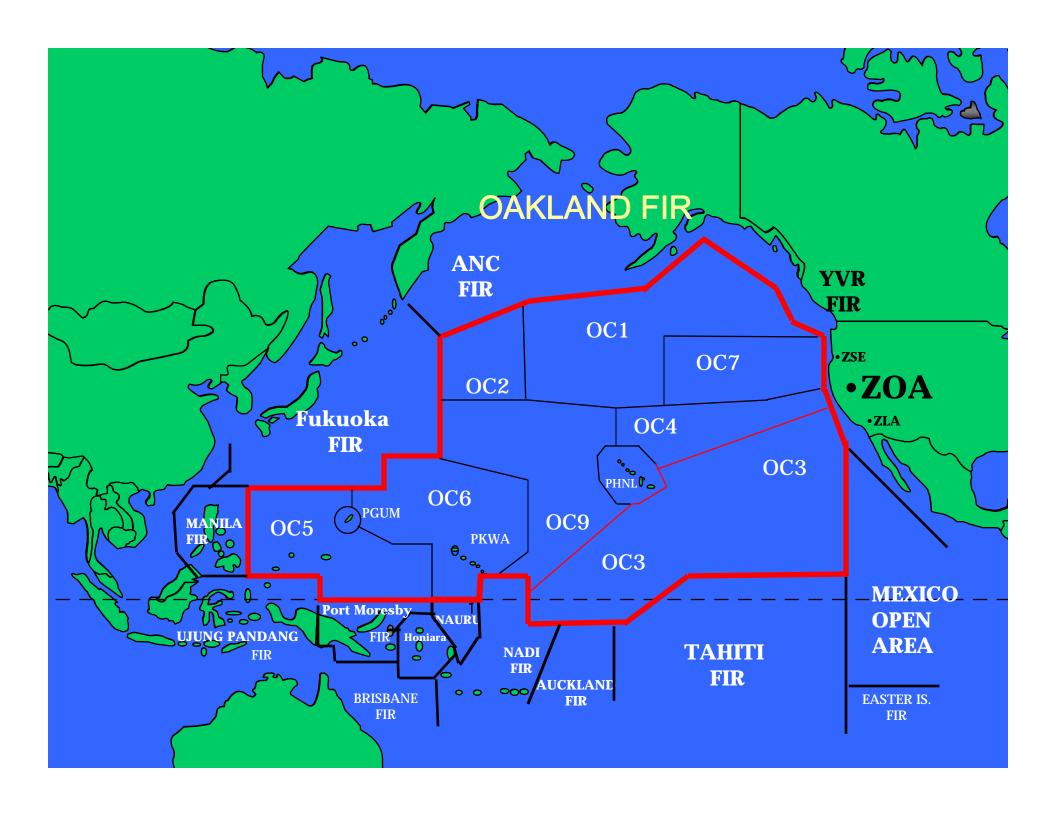
International Civil Aviation
 Organization (ICAO) delegated
 24M sq miles of international
 oceanic airspace to the US



Facility	Miles of Airspace	Flights per day
New York (ZNY)	3.3M sq miles	~500
Oakland (ZOA)	18.6M sq miles	~725
Anchorage (ZAN)	2.75M sq miles	~200

ZOA Oceanic Airspace

- Largest oceanic airspace in the world controlled by one facility - 9.56% of world's surface
- Eight Oceanic Sectors and Three Coastal Radar Sectors
- Interface with 19 different foreign and domestic facilities

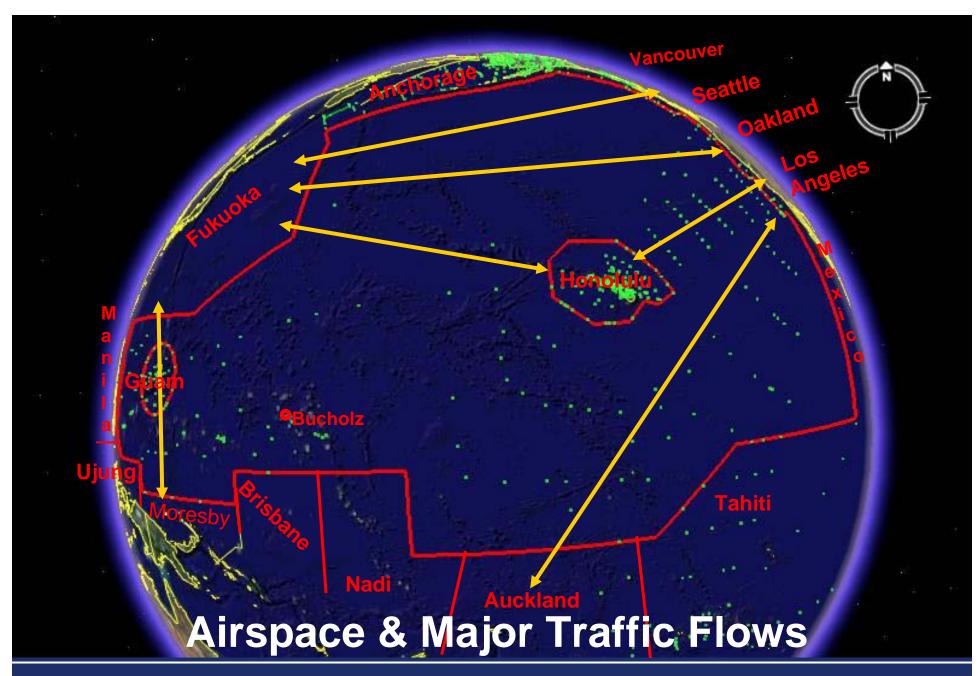


Oceanic Route Structure

- Fixed Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes
- Pacific Organized Track System (PACOTS)
- User Preferred Routes (UPRs) and Dynamic Airborne Reroutes

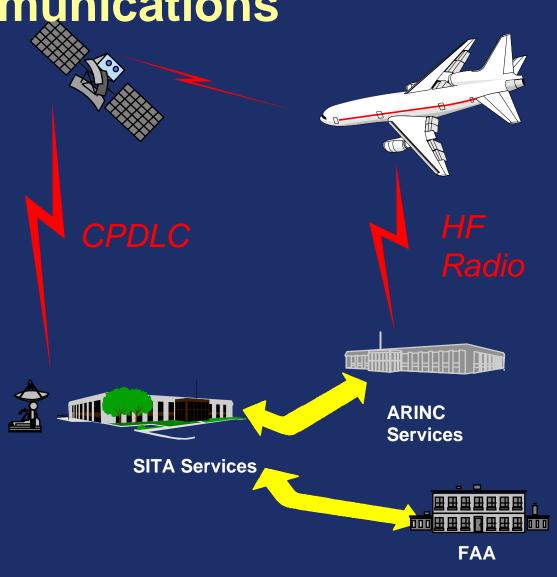
Pacific Organized Track System (PACOTS)

- Flexible Routes Based On Forecast Upper Winds
- Published Twice Daily By ZOA TMU and Fukuoka Air Traffic Management Center (ATMC)
- FAA routes produced using Dynamic Ocean Track System (DOTS)
- PACOTS Benefits
 - Reduced traffic Complexity
 - Optimum Cruise Altitudes
 - Fewer Reroutes
 - Improved Fuel Efficiency and Predictability



Data Link Communications

- Aircraft contacts
 Oakland Center
 with clearance
 request
- Request routed via satellite, through GES to groundbased equipment
- Oakland Center issues clearance directly to aircraft via reciprocal process



Alternate Communications

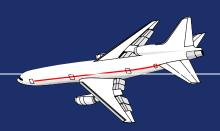
- HF Voice
- Phone patch initiated by pilot or controller, facilitated through ARINC HF frequency, for direct voice communications
- Available to aircraft with SAT Voice communications equipment

Oceanic Air Traffic Control

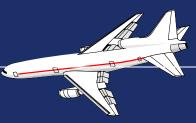
- Manual control
- Visual display through computer generated tracking system
- Advancements driven by new technology
- Standard Oceanic Separation
 - 100nm laterally
 - 15 minutes longitudinally
 - 10 minutes turbojet aircraft
 - 1000/2000 feet vertically

Reduced Vertical Separation Minima (RVSM)

 Reduces the vertical separation minima between aircraft above F290 to 1000 feet.

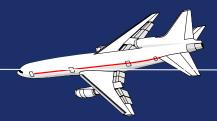


(RVSM)
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FL340

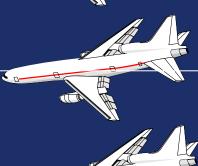




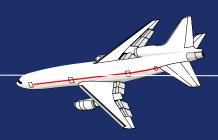
FL330



FL320



FL310

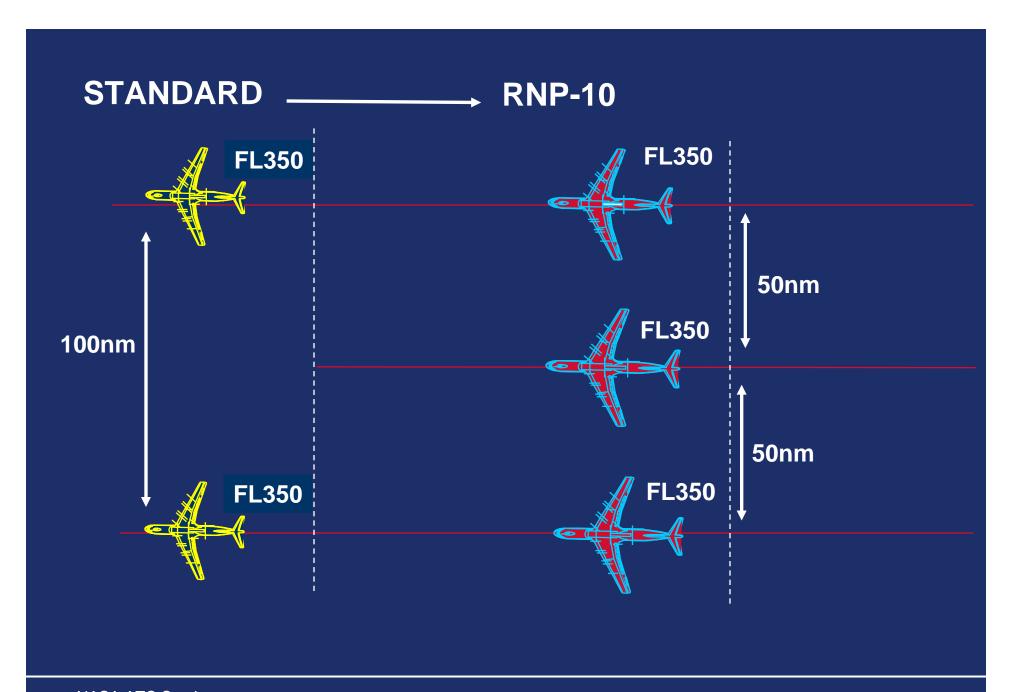


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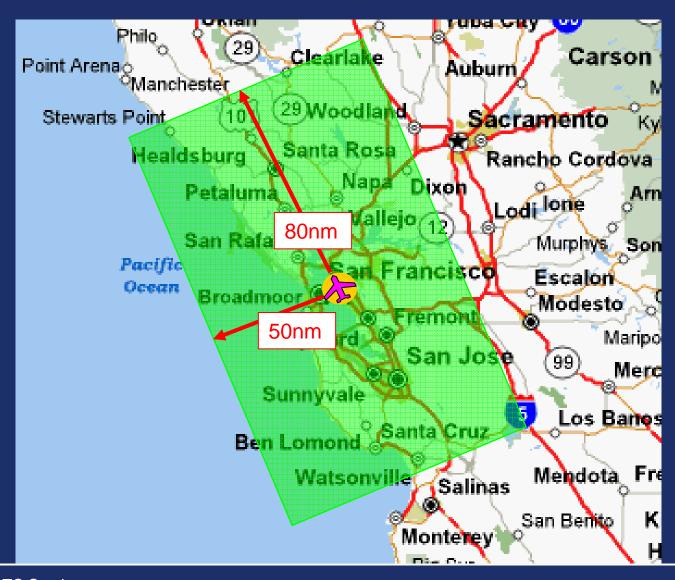
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Required Navigation Performance (RNP 10)

- Reduced Lateral Separation to 50NM
- Required on PACOTS and in the Central East Pacific
- Separation Reductions with More Precise Navigation
- Publication of more efficient routes generated closer to the wind core
- Increased airspace capacity



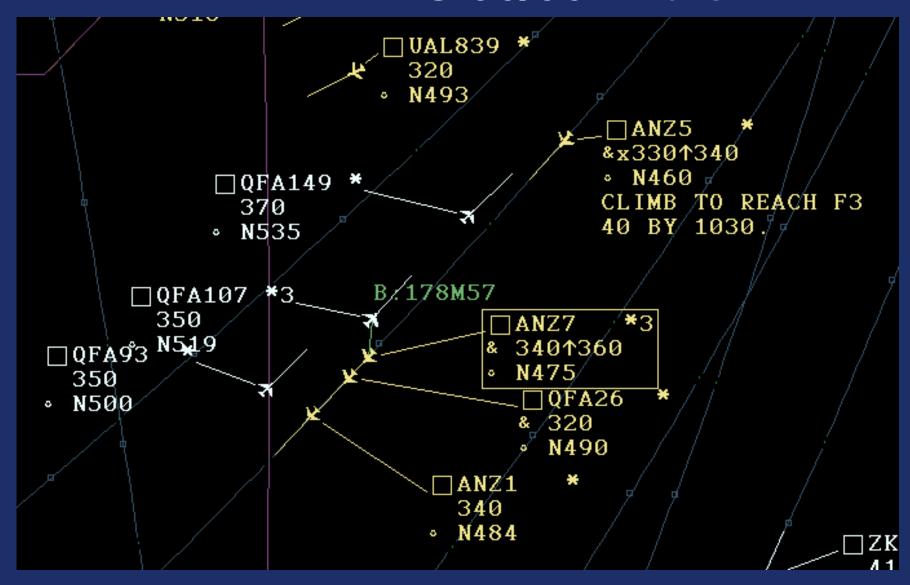
Oceanic Lateral Separation Comparison



Required Navigation Performance (RNP-4)

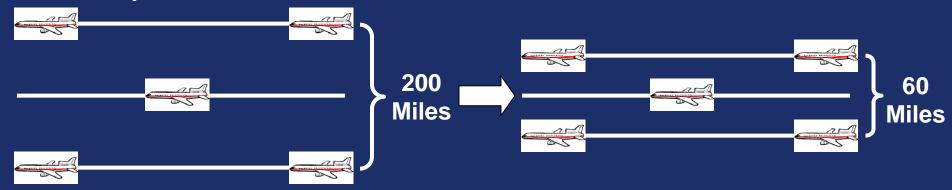
- Reduced Lateral Separation to 30NM between RNP4 certified datalink aircraft
- Separation Reductions with even more Precise Navigation
- Increased airspace capacity

RNP 4 ADS 30/30 Trials

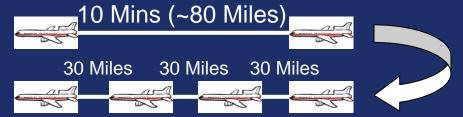


The ATOP System has Enabled Improved Airspace Efficiency and Capacity via Reduced Separation Standards

Lateral Separation



Longitudinal Separation







Oceanic Display and Planning System



• ODAPS Oceanic Control System October 17, 2006



Ocean21 Oceanic Control System

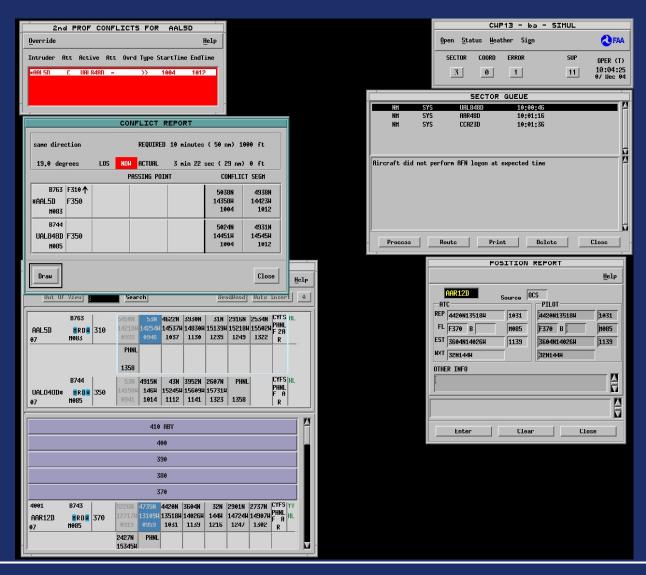
ATOP Provides Integrated:

- · Oceanic Flight Data Processing
- · 4D Trajectory Modeling
- · Automated Conflict Detection
- Controller Pilot Data Link
 Communication
- Automatic Dependent
 Surveillance Contract
- ATS Inter Facility Data
 Communication
- Electronic Flight Strips (paperless environment)



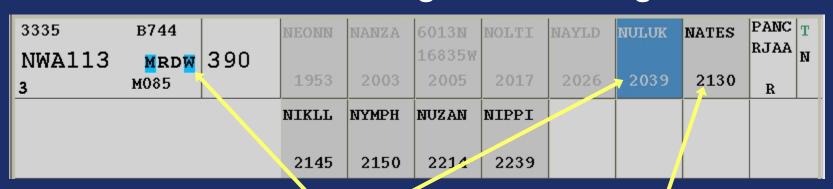


WORKSTATION DISPLAY



Electronic Flight Strips

- Single strip per flight
- System maintains strips
 - All critical data displayed
 - Automatically updated by position reports (HF, CPDLC, ADS)
- Controller alerted to significant changes



Color Coding for Significant Events and Indicators

Automatic ETA Updates

Automatic Dependant Surveillance-Contract (ADS-C)



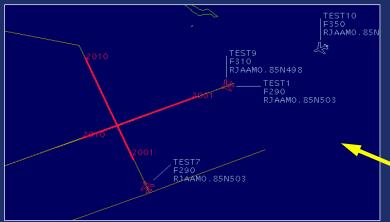
- ADS Contract established with aircraft
 - Specifies Reporting Rate
 - What information to include
- LDC, VDC and WPC also reported

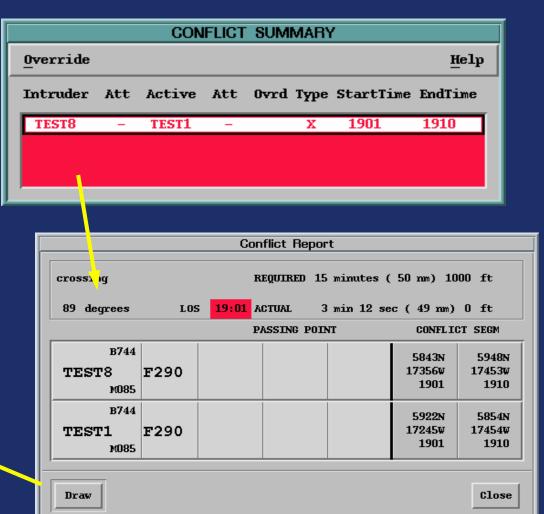
Aircraft Display Symbology

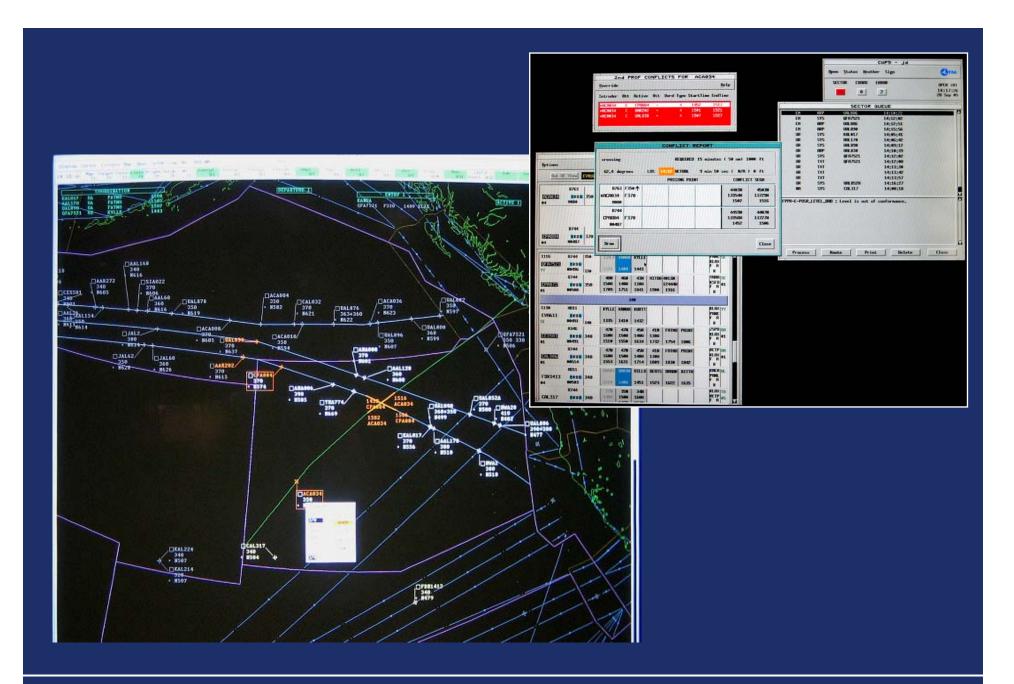


Ocean21 Conflict Probe

- System Finds Conflicts –
 Controller Resolves Conflicts
- Aircraft / Aircraft and Aircraft / Airspace
- Probe Runs Automatically on All Trajectory Updates
- Applies Appropriate Separation Standard
- System Enforces Pre-Delivery
 Trial Probe for All Clearances
- Controller Tools also Available







Constructing ATC Clearances





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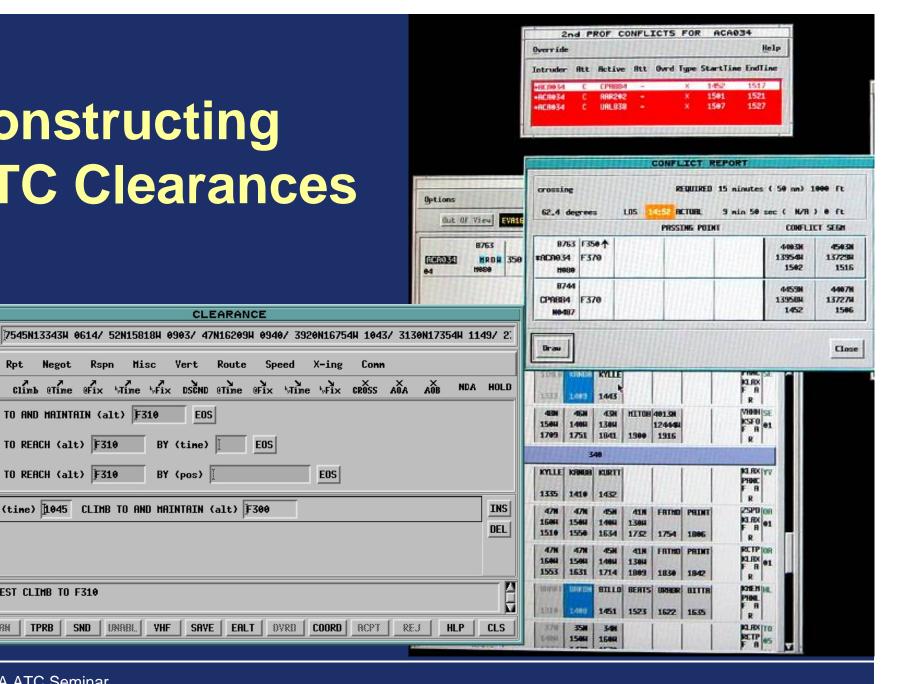
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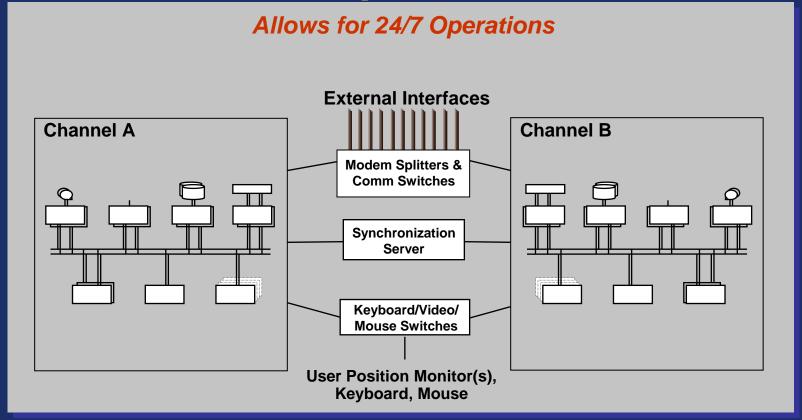
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Ocean21 Equipment Capabilities: Two Channel Concept



Scheduled Maintenance accounts for approximately 98% of system downtime in En Route environment

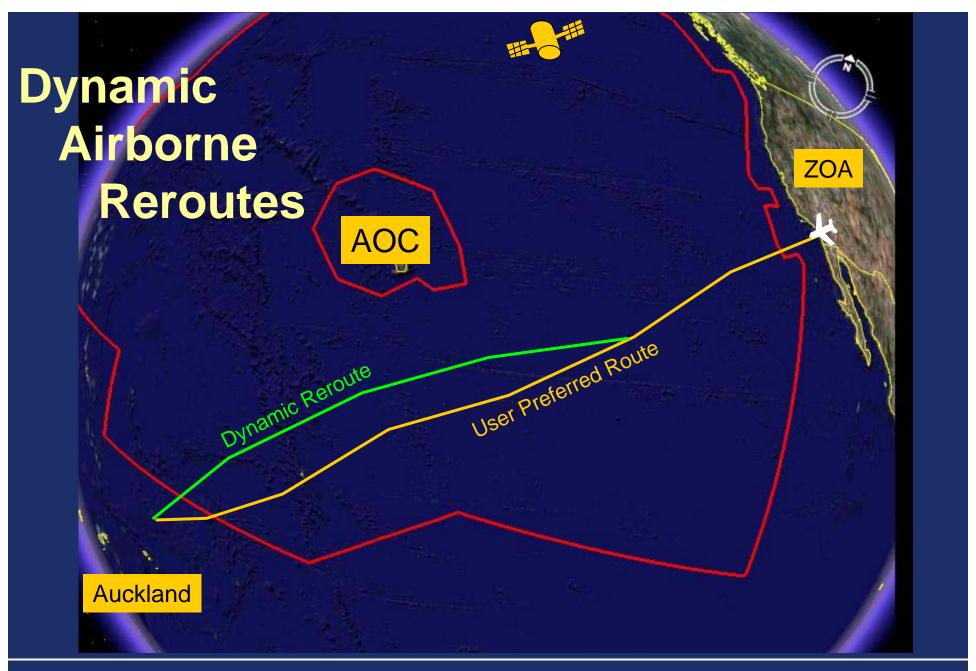
In event of Catastrophic Failure the system will automatically print paper strips

ATS Interfacility Data Communication (AIDC)

- Operational since 1998
- Automated Flight Data Transfer
- Eliminates/Reduces Verbal Coordination
- In use with Anchorage, Nadi, Fukuoka and Auckland ACC.
- Capability Exists to Connect to Additional Facilities

AIDC Benefits

- Decreased controller workload therefore increased service to the users
- Eliminates transcription errors
- Automatically activates flight plans and updates flight plan information



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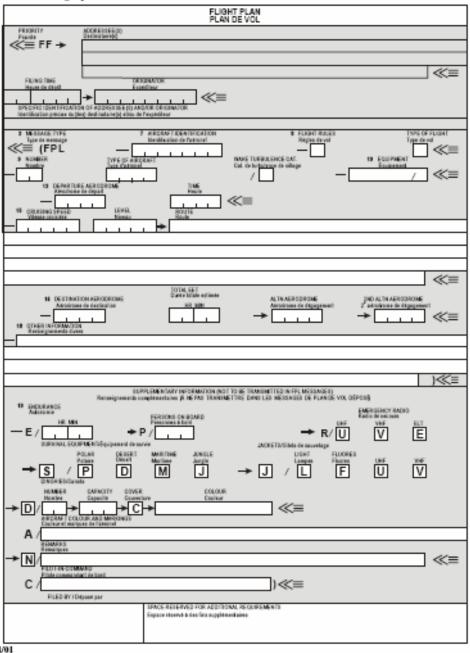
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The aircraft files an ICAO Flight Plan (FPL) and sends it via AFTN to each of the affected control facilities.

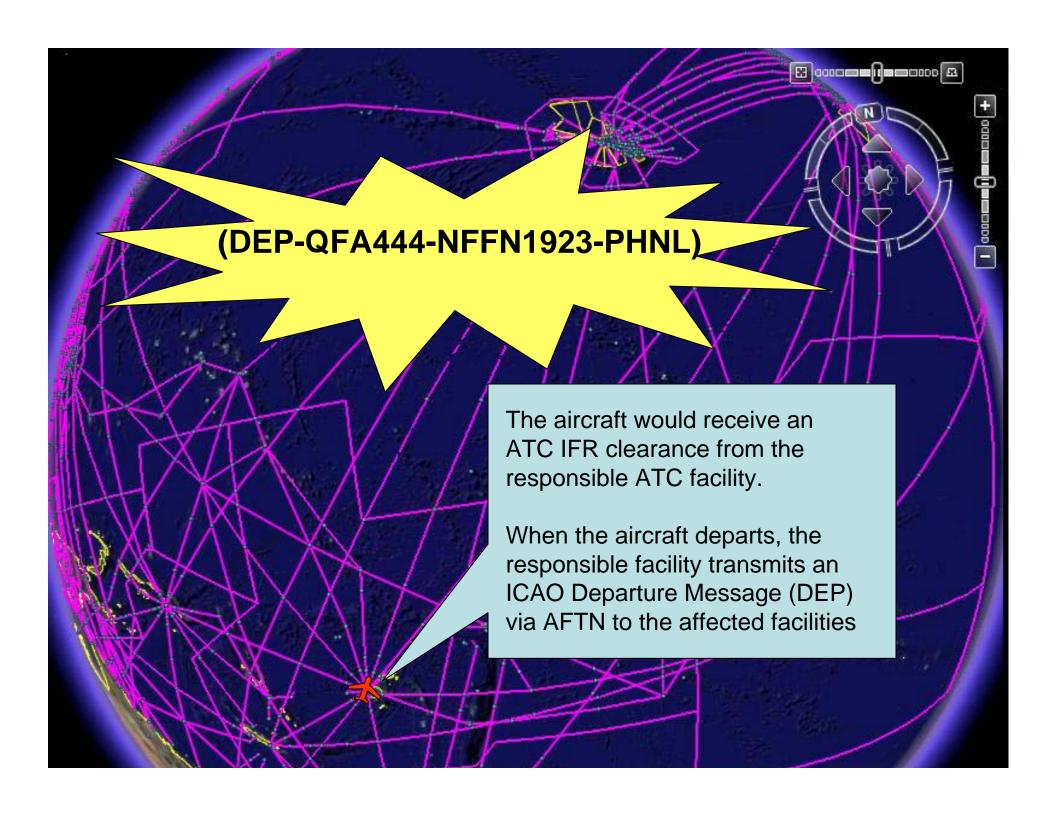
This is usually accomplished by the Airline Operations Center (AOC)

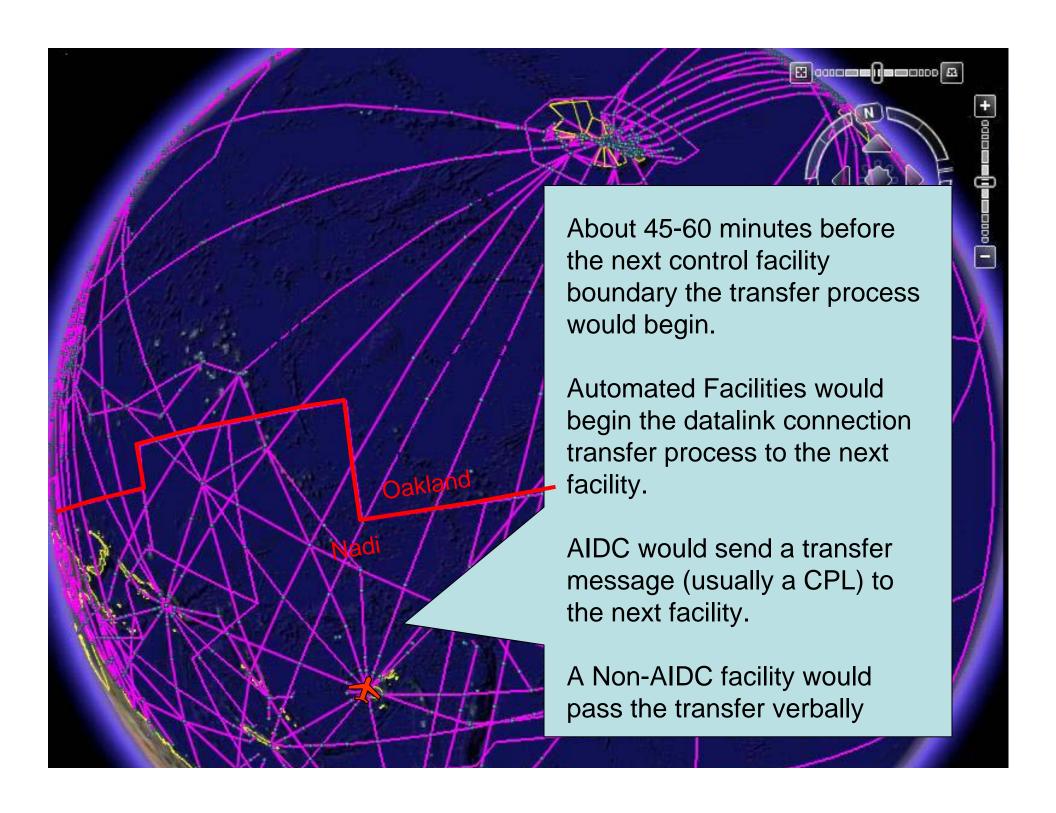


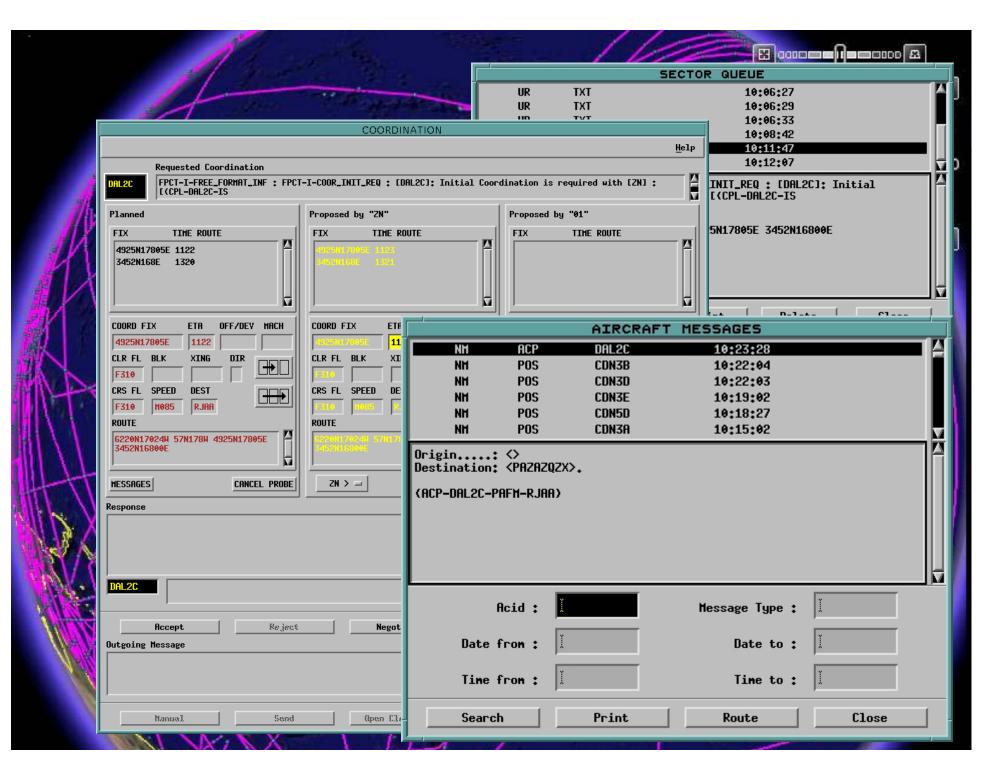
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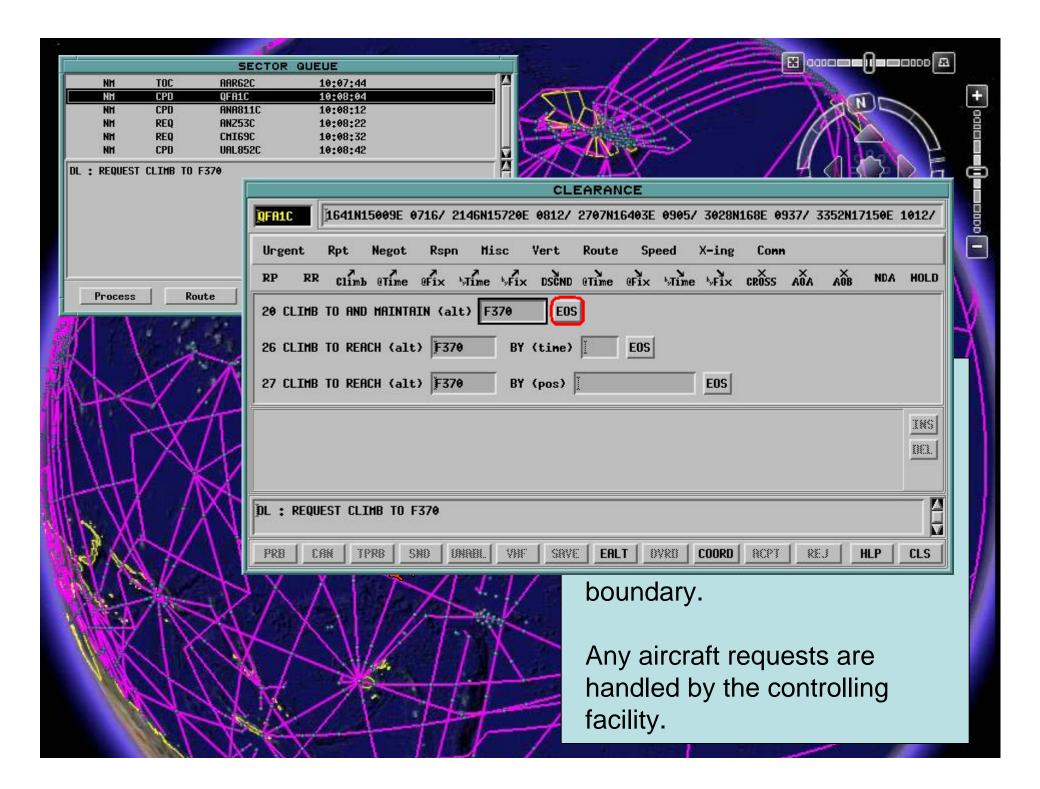


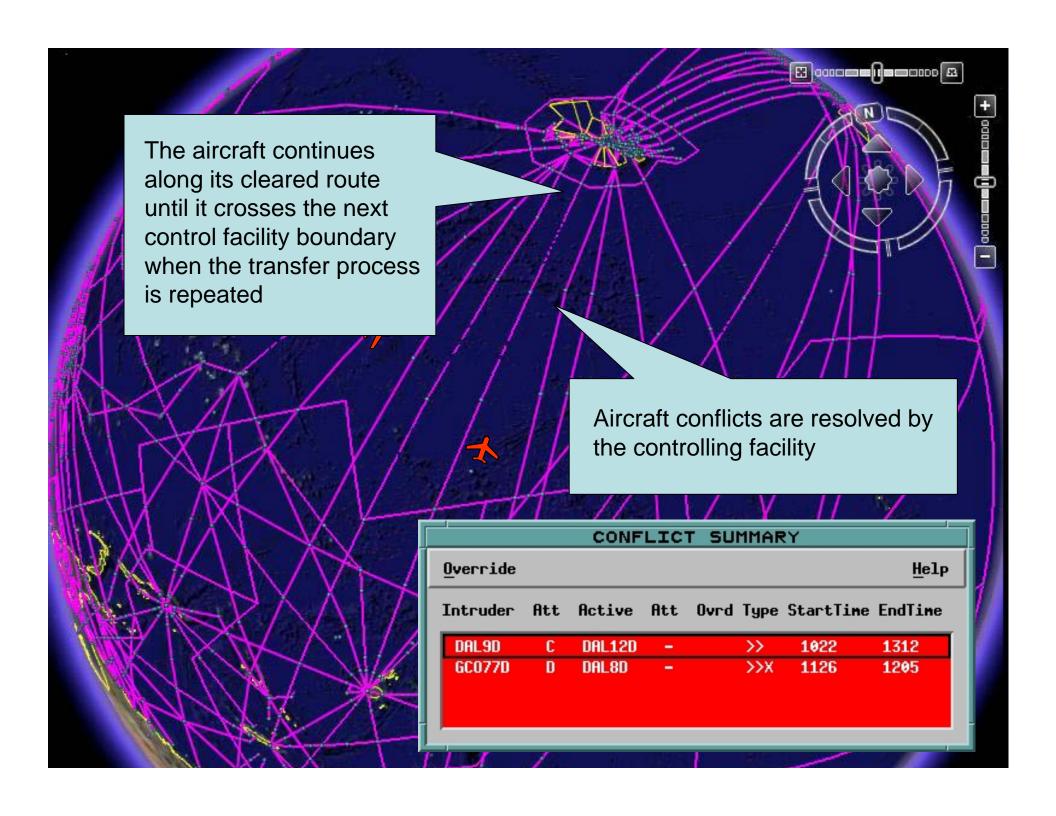
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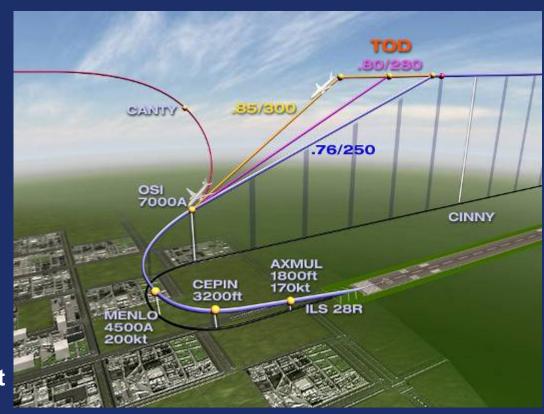


Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B)

- The ADS-B is a system being evaluated by the FAA and airlines, that takes advantage of improved accuracy signals from GPS to allow aircraft to automatically broadcast their location to ground-based receivers.
- ADS-B is seen on traffic displays by ATC and can be simultaneously received by other ADS-B equipped aircraft.
- The update rates and accuracies, in initial tests, exceed those of radar.

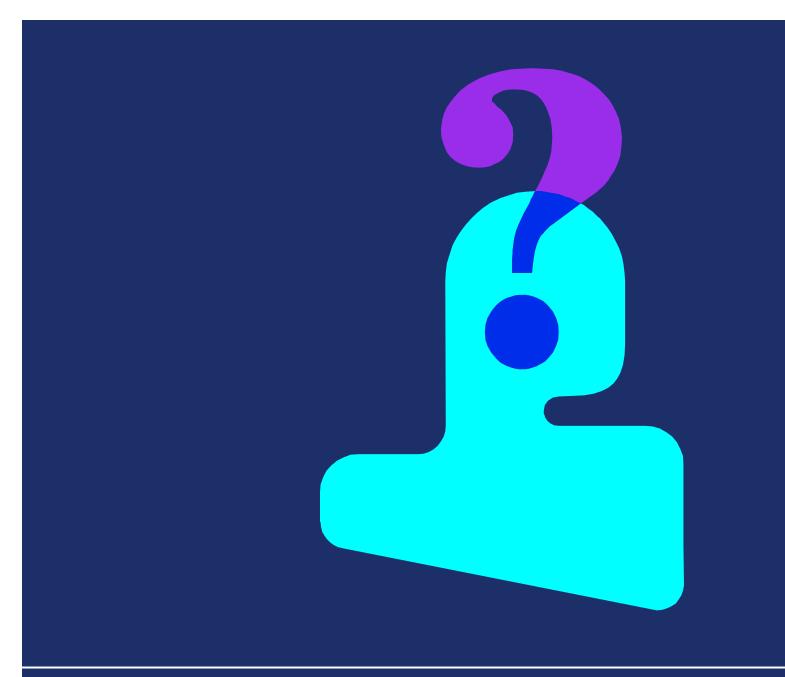
San Francisco OTA Trials

- OTA trials were conducted for SFO oceanic arrivals during 2007 in an FAA, Boeing and NASA partnership
- SFO trials indicated significant emissions reduction and noise abatement
- The FAA and partners are evaluating SFO trial results and assessing expansion of SFO trials during 2008
- Additional trials are being planned as part of the AIRE Program for a US East Coast destination such as Miami



Oceanic Controller Training

- FAA Academy (Oklahoma City) 11 weeks
 - Fundamentals of aviation and ATC
 - Classroom and simulation labs
- Field Facility typically 3 years to CPC
 - Classroom (local airspace and procedures)
 - Assistant controller
 - Controller Training
 - Simulation lab (DYSIM) -
 - On the Job Training (OJT)



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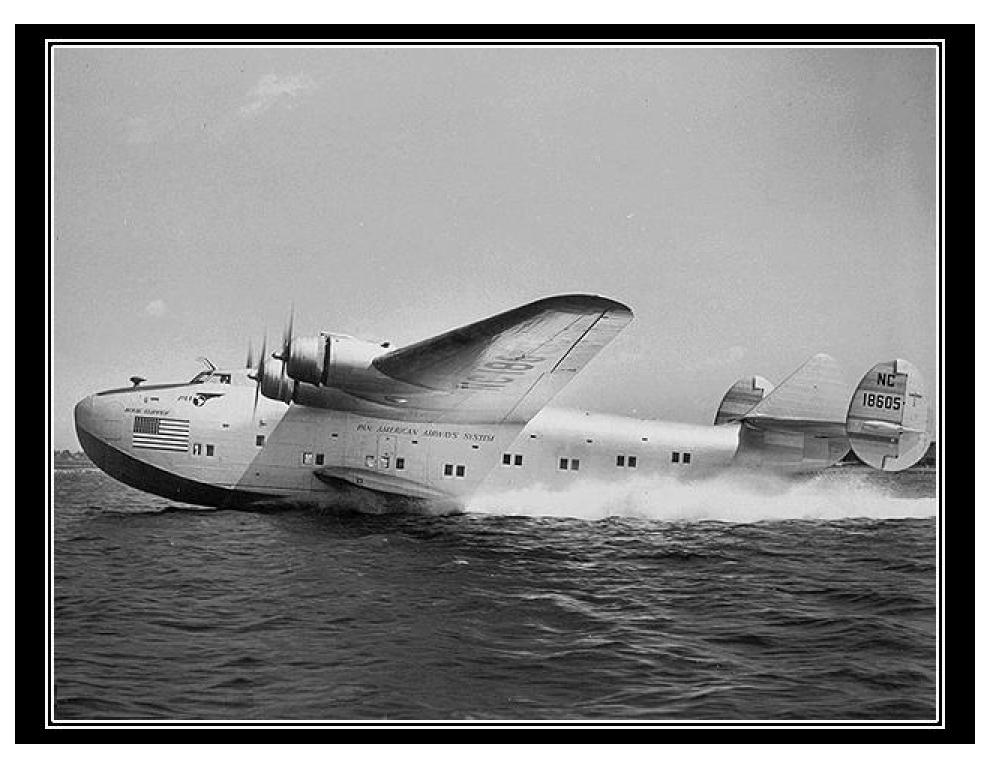
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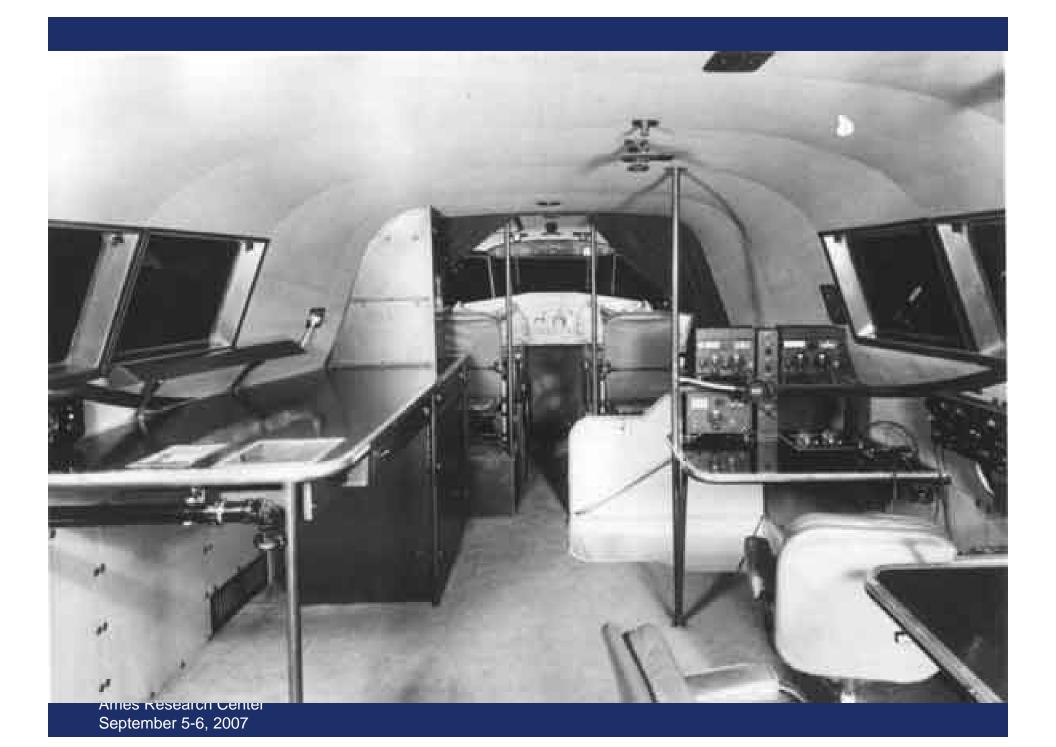


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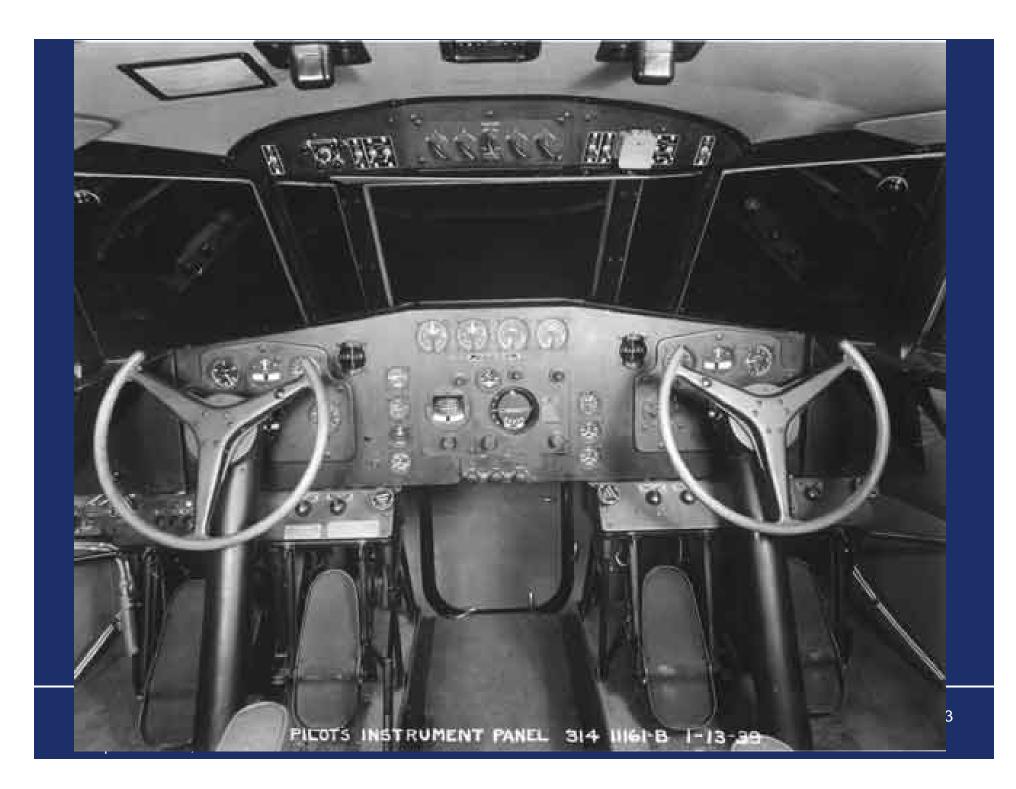
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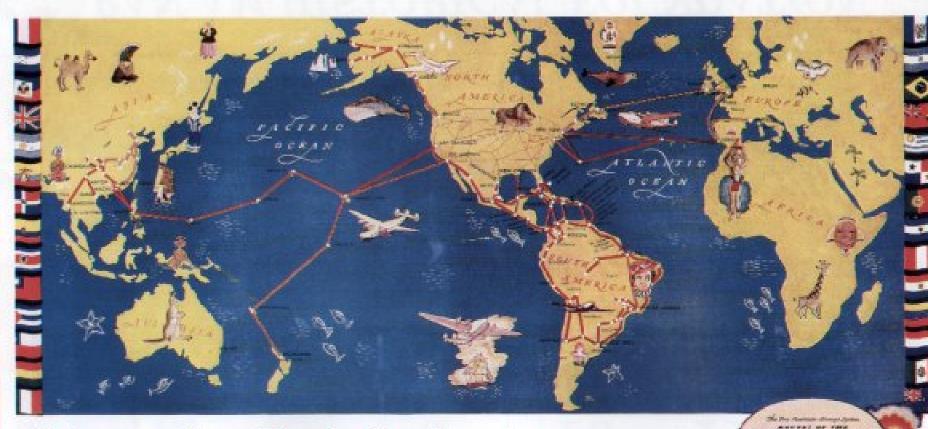












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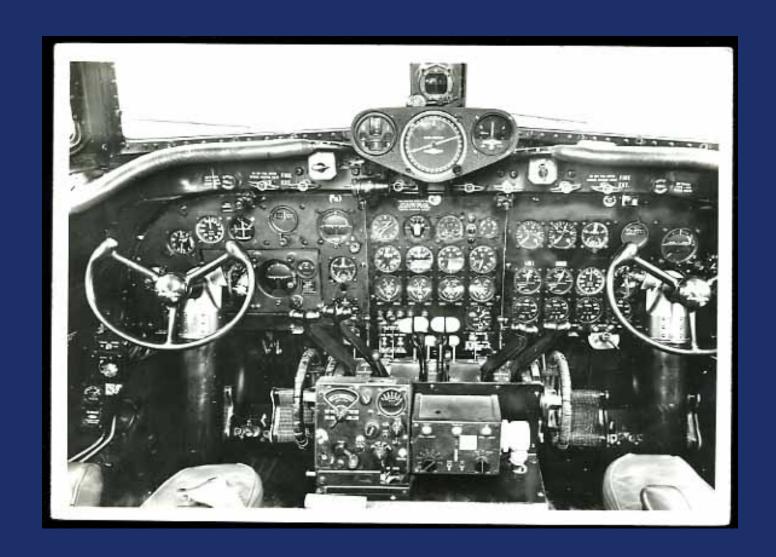
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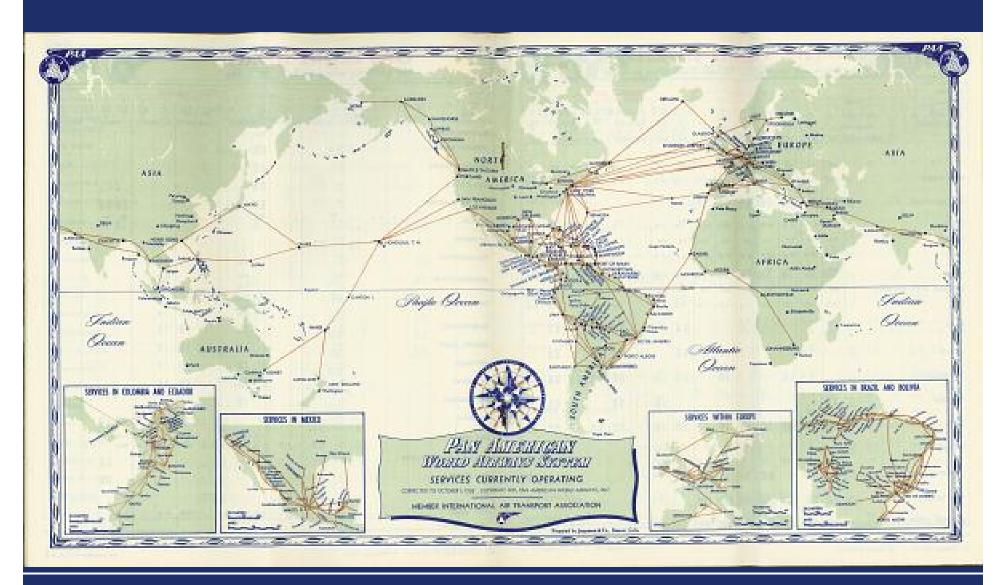
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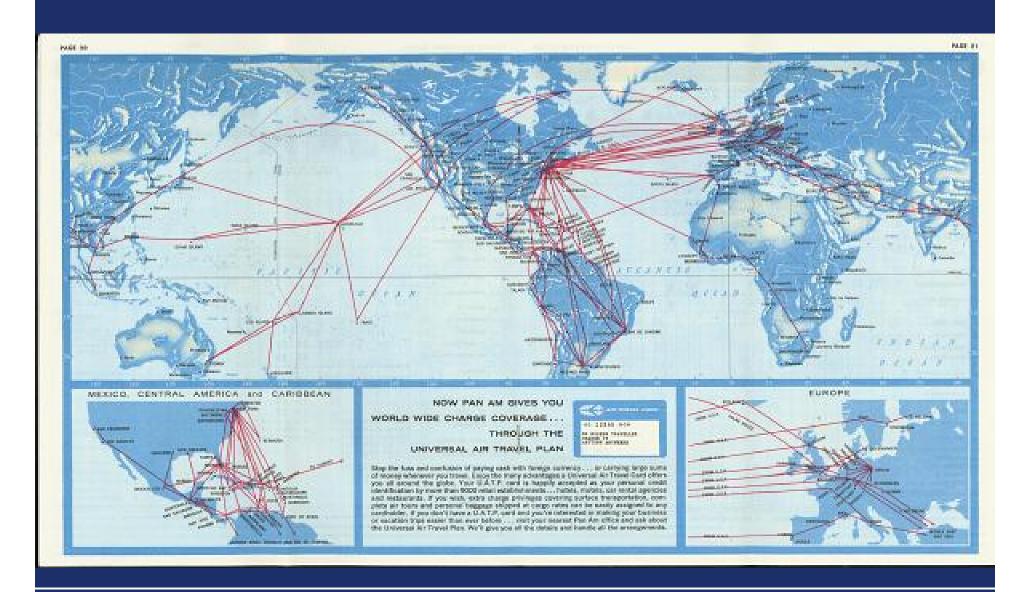


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